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USE OF A COMPOSITION COMPRISING VITAMIN K1 OXIDE OR A
DERIVATIVE THEREOF FOR THE TREATMENT AND/OR THE PREVENTION
OF MAMMAL DERMATOLOGICAL LESIONS

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Field of the invention

[0001] The present invention is related to the use
of a composition comprising vitamin K1 oxide or a
derivative thereof for the treatment and/or the prevention
15 of mammal dermatological lesions and to the cosmetic
composition comprising vitamin K1 oxide.

Background of the invention and state of the art

[0002] Vitamin K1 (phylloquinone) is needed for
20 proper bone formation and blood clotting, in both cases by
helping the body transport calcium. Vitamin K (2-methyl 3-
phytyl-1, 4-naphtoquinone) and its derivative have already
been used in pharmaceutical or cosmetic compositions for
their various anti-inflammatory or dermatological
25 applications.

[0003] However, the incorporation of vitamin K1 in a
cosmetic composition is unstable in certain conditions when
exposed to light and UV light and could modify the colour
of cream and other vehicles of cosmetic compositions.

30 [0004] The document US-5 510 391 describes a method
for treating blood vessel disorders of the skin using
vitamin K. Such disorders include actinic and iatrogenic
purpura, lentigines, telangiectasias of the face, spider
angiomas and spider veins of the face.

[0005] The document JP-05320039 describes a cosmetic composition comprising vitamin K1 oxide without specification of any use.

[0006] The document WO94/00135 describes the use of
5 a pharmaceutical composition in the treatment of symptoms of chronic inflammatory disorders, said composition comprising at least two pharmaceutically active agents whose combination produces an anti-inflammatory and analgesic effect. Said document also describes that the
10 safety and effectiveness of the product may be optimised by co-administration of vitamins and derivatives thereof. Among the mentioned vitamins are vitamin K1 and vitamin K1 oxide.

[0007] The document GB-744 376 describes a stable
15 oily vitamin emulsion comprising an oily vitamin and lecithin dispersed in water. The vitamins could be vitamin A, D, E, K1 or vitamin K1 oxide. Said document also describes that vitamin K1 oxide emulsion is a colourless oil, somewhat more stable than vitamin K1, but having the
20 same physiological activity as vitamin K1 and resulting in a stable emulsion which is not affected by heating at a temperature of 120° C for two hours period.

[0008] The document US-3 070 499 describes a
parenteral aqueous solution of fat soluble vitamin wherein
25 the fat soluble substance is vitamin K1 oxide which finds application in nutrition for the prevention and the treatment of certain well known diseases.

Aims of the invention

30 [0009] A first aim of the present invention is to propose a new composition which finds advantageous applications in the treatment of various mammal dermatological lesions, especially human dermatological lesions, and more especially lesions which affect the face,

but which does not present the drawbacks of the state of the art.

[0010] Another aim of the present invention is to provide such composition which is more stable and which
5 does not present the yellow colour of cream and vehicles already used in the state of the art and which therefore does not render the clothes of the consumer dirty.

[0011] A further aim of the present invention is to provide a composition which is not sensitive to light or
10 UV-radiation and which therefore decreases or eliminates side effects such as consumer skin sensitivity or allergy following sun exposure.

[0012] A last aim of the present invention is to provide a composition having a similar or an improved
15 activity (including an enhanced penetration through the skin and an excellent moisture-binding capacity) in view of the known composition of the state of the art.

Summary of the invention

20 [0013] A first aspect of the present invention is related to the use of a composition comprising vitamin K1 oxide or a derivative thereof and an adequate carrier for the treatment and/or the prevention of mammal (including human) dermatological lesions, selected from the group
25 consisting of bruises (possibly associated with cosmetic surgery), vascular disorders of the skin such as small broken vessels, spider veins, varicoses, blotches on the face, any purpura on the face, body and legs (including actinic purpura and post laser skin treatment purpura),
30 irritation of the skin following chemical peel, Shambourg's disease and a mixture thereof.

[0014] Advantageously, the use of the composition according to the invention also presents other advantageous associated therapeutical effects when applied upon

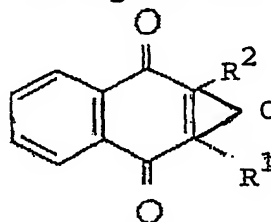
dermatological lesions, such as topical anti-inflammatory effects upon the human skin.

[0015] Preferably, the composition used according to the invention is either in the form of a pharmaceutical composition or a cosmetic composition comprising an adequate pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier or diluent.

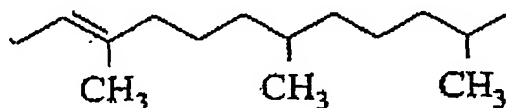
[0016] Advantageously, the cosmetic composition further comprises a sufficient amount of a penetrating agent such as phospholipids, preferably said penetrating agent is in the form of nanosomes, described hereafter.

[0017] Examples of a cosmetic composition could be in the form of a cream, a gel, a lotion and/or a liquid.

[0018] The vitamin K1 oxide present in the composition has the following formula (I) derivative:



wherein R1 is an alkyl group, preferably an alkyl chain comprising between 3 and 20 carbons, preferably an alkyl chain of 12 carbons, possibly branched, more preferably of formula (II).



and wherein R2 is H or an alkyl group, preferably a ethyl or a methyl group.

[0019] Advantageously, the vitamin present in the composition has the formula I wherein R1 is of formula II and R2 is a methyl group (vitamin K1 oxide).

[0020] Advantageously, in the composition according to the invention, the compound of the invention (vitamin K1

oxide or its derivative) is present in nano-sized lipidic particles (hereafter called nanosomes), preferably lipidic particles having a diameter comprised between about 50 and about 400 nanometers, more preferably between about 100 and about 350 nanometers, between about 120 and about 300 nanometers, between about 155 nanometers and about 200 nanometers, more preferably about 180 nanometers (± 30 nanometers).

[0021] The stability of the lipidic nanosome is obtained with particles having a suitable dimension of about 180 nanometers and more than 80% (preferably all) of the nanosomes of the composition should reach the same size of about 180 nanometers. If it happens that a difference in such size exceeds 30%, then a fusion process will occur meaning the formation of greater nanosomes that will become instable and further will destroyed themselves by breaking. It results in a possible dispersion of the compound (vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative) and the lipidic membrane and loose of the nanosome advantages.

[0022] Advantageously, the extend structure of the nanosome has the same physico-chemical properties that the cell membrane and therefore, the nanosome is able to penetrate easily and quickly the skin and improve the cosmetic and therapeutic properties of the compound (vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative). Furthermore, the integration of the compound (vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative) in nanosomes will enhance therapeutical and cosmetical efficacy while using less substance.

[0023] The nanosomes are made of single or multi-lipidic layers of phospholipids, preferably of phosphatidylcholine. Preferably, the nanosomes are single lipidic monolayers of phospholipids, preferably of phosphatidylcholine.

[0024] In the composition according to the invention, the compound (vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative) is present in a sufficient amount to treat or reduce the effect of the above-mentioned dermatological lesions. Preferably, said sufficient amount is comprised between 0.5% wt and about 10% wt of the total composition, preferably about 5% wt of the total composition (the total % wt of the composition being 100%).

[0025] The composition according to the invention advantageously comprises other efficient cosmetic or pharmaceutical compounds, such as other vitamins (which could be present in nanosomes, preferably having the same size as the ones which include vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative). Preferred vitamins are vitamin A, vitamin C and vitamin E which present advantageously a synergic activity with vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative. Vitamins C and E are able to maintain iron under a bivalent form (ferrous) avoiding transformation to trivalent form (ferric).

[0026] In the composition according to the invention, the vitamin A (pure retinol) could be in the form of ester of vitamin A which is more stable for a cosmetic use. With the use of ester derivatives, the efficacy is reduced.

[0027] Furthermore, when using in eyes area, a possible irritating side effect of retinol could be obtained, especially when the cosmetic composition is used for a long period of time. Therefore, retinol is preferably introduced into polymer system of micro particles that deliver the retinol slowly through the stratum corneum, only when the product is applied directly on the skin. The polymer sphere will remain on the surface of the skin. In order to reduce a possible soft light effect with barium sulphate, mica and titanium dioxide (this mineral can not

penetrate the skin and shows a change in the common light with a dulled effect), the concentration of said compound could be reduce in the cosmetic composition according to the invention, especially if the treatment should take
5 several months.

[0028] Other active ingredients are ingredients which improve the vitamin activity, preferably said compounds are selected from the group consisting of the following elements with the following preferred (wt) %:
10 phytonadione (about 0.5 to about 2%), tocopheryl acetate (about 1%), ascorbic palmitate (about 0.5%), retinyl palmitate (about 0.5%) and tocopherol (about 0.2%).

[0029] Other advantageous compounds comprised in the composition (a cosmetic composition of the invention) are:
15 aqua (solvent), retinol, propylene glycol (moistening element), triethanolamin (neutralizing element), lecithin (improves hydratation), carbomer (thickening element), ethoxydiglycol (penetration agent), some specific lipids, such as phospholipids (penetration agents), EDTA
20 (complexing agent), C12-C15 alkyl benzoate, caprylic capric triglycerides, parafinum liquidum, cyclomethicone, glycerine, sodium PCA, mica, barium sulfate, titanium dioxide, polysorbate 20, acrylate copolymer, phenoxyethanol, acrylate C10-C30, alkyl crosspolymer,
25 propyl paraben, menthyl paraben, alcohol (conservative), propylene glycol (moistening agent), BHT or BHA (antioxidants), ...

[0030] The phospholipids used in the present invention improve the skin penetration of vitamins,
30 especially vitamin K1 oxide or its derivative and vitamin A.

[0031] The present invention will be described in more details in the following examples, presented as a

non-limited illustration of preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Example 1: Protocol for bruises

5 [0032] For the purpose of the study, three compositions (cream cosmetic compositions) have been used in various vehicles with different concentrations in vitamin K1 and vitamin K1 oxide. The study was conducted in double blind on 12 human volunteers (six males and six
10 females). The purpose of the study was to show a better or at least a similar activity of vitamin K1 oxide versus vitamin K1 in resolution of bruises.

[0033] The 12 human volunteers previously received information on the goal and the course of the trial. Four
15 ecchymoses have been induced on each patient (2 on each forearms) and the efficacy of each cream cosmetic composition has been evaluated by observation of time reduction of each ecchymosis. Each patient was examined every day and pictures have been taken at the same time. No
20 other cream was applied and the patients were not allowed to take any other medication (no aspirin, no anti-inflammatory active compound). The creams were applied twice a day.

25 Materials and method

The table 1 presents 4 different creams and their contents.

Table 1

<u>Creams</u>	
cream 1	5% free vitamin K1 cream
cream 2	2% vitamin K1 gel (nanosome particles)
cream 3	5% vitamin K1 oxide cream
cream 4	No treatment as witness

[0034] The following quantitative results in days of reduction of bruises are presented in the following table 2 and show the advantageous effects of vitamin K1 oxide compared to vitamin K1 upon different patients.

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Table 2

Cream 1	Cream 2	Cream 3	Cream 4	
Patient	5% Vitamin K1	2% Vitamin K1 nanosome particles	5% Vitamin K1 Oxide	No treatment
A1	11	9	11	10
A2	11	8	10	11
A3	13	10	10	13
A4	10	11	13	13
A5	11	11	9	14
A6	13	11	11	13
B1	12	9	10	12
B2	12	11	11	13
B3	13	11	10	12
B4	12	10	10	13
B5	12	12	10	13
B6	12	11	9	11
Total	142	124	124	148
Mean	11,83	10,33	10,33	12,33

10 Example 2: Protocol for spider veins

[0035] The same study was performed on 10 human patients presenting spider veins or small broken blood vessels on legs and face.

[0036] The treatment was done during four weeks with
15 two applications of the creams per day.

[0037] The group vitamin Oxide shows the best results compared to other formulation comprising vitamin K1.

[0038] The composition (a cosmetic composition
20 according to the invention) may be applied thinly twice a day, morning and evening, after cleansing of the skin; gently massage into skin and till the gel is absorbed, is preferred.

[0039] The composition according to the invention is recommended for use for 10 to 15 days as preparatory skin care before and after surgical and medical cosmetic procedure.

5 [0040] The composition according to the invention should preferably be applied before all other beauty or cosmetic skin care products and can be used as a base for those preparations; said composition should not be applied directly upon wounds, mucus areas or eyes due to some
10 hyper-sensitivity.

[0041] The improved stability of vitamin K1 oxide compared to vitamin K1, reduces also unexpectedly the side effects of a cosmetic composition. The inventors have observed that in presence of light (and possibly improved
15 with the addition of vitamin A), vitamin K1 is transformed into Menadione (vitamin K3) and 1.4.Naphtoquinone that induces allergic side effects. Such transformation of vitamin K1 oxide is not observed in the presence of light and these side effects are not present when the cosmetic
20 composition according to the invention is applied upon mammal skin.

[0042] Furthermore, contrary to vitamin K1, the mixing of vitamin K1 oxide and retinol (or retinol palmitate) does not allow the formation of chromophoric
25 group.

[0043] The introduction of active ingredients, especially vitamin K1 oxide and its derivative, in nanosomes improves advantageously penetration and absorption of vitamins, reduces the concentration of
30 vitamins required and provides a system release of vitamins for about 12 hours and therefore reduces the cost of the composition compared to the compositions of the state of the art.